109TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. RES. 222

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 19, 2005

Mr. Shadegg (for himself and Mr. Chabot) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

- Whereas the death of a child is a devastating experience, and the murder of a child is exceptionally difficult;
- Whereas Parents of Murdered Children, Inc. (commonly known as POMC) helps families of murder victims cope with grief through a variety of support services, including counseling, crisis intervention, professional referrals, and assistance in dealing with the criminal justice system;
- Whereas POMC was formed in 1978 by Robert and Charlotte Hullinger after the tragic murder of their daughter, Lisa, on September 25 of that year;
- Whereas POMC has grown from only 5 parents at the first meeting of the organization in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1978,

to over 100,000 members in more than 300 chapters worldwide;

- Whereas POMC membership is open to anyone who has suffered the murder of a loved one, and to professionals who are in frequent contact with survivors of murder victims;
- Whereas POMC provides comfort and vital, ongoing assistance to countless loved ones of murder victims;
- Whereas POMC helps guide families of murder victims through the process of pursuing justice in the criminal justice system, which can be an overwhelming experience for grieving loved ones;
- Whereas POMC has designated September 25 of each year as a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; and
- Whereas the designation of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to honor the memories of murder victims: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—
 - 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of a National
 - 3 Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; and
 - 4 (2) recognizes the significant benefits Parents
 - 5 of Murdered Children, Inc. provides to the loved
- 6 ones of murder victims.

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